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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Docket No. 400140)

In re the Application of:

Donald K. Jones

Serial No.: 09/880,506

Filed: June 13, 2001

For: OCCLUDING VASCULATURE OF A
PATIENT USING EMBOLIC COIL
WITH IMPROVED PLATELET
ADHESION

) Customer No. 27717

) Art Unit: 3743

) Examiner: Kathryn Odland

TO: MAIL STOP: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 13, 2004, reconsideration of this application and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

An extension of time of one month is requested to respond to the Office Action of December 13, so that the due date for response will be April 13, 2005. A check for \$120.00 is enclosed as the large entity one-month extension fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-1351 for any added fees required.

The examiner has rejected claims 1, 11 and 20 as anticipated by Engelson U.S. Patent No. 5,261,916.

Engelson discloses a detachable pusher-vasoocclusive coil assembly with an interlocking ball and keyway coupling.

On page 3 of the latest Office Action, the examiner states: